CULTURE WAR

putting the revolution back into punk, and the punk back into revolution

we have the power!!

it is right to rebel !!!!!!!

Okay, so this is it, something fresh something new , something coming on through. Culture War is a zine on a mission. Culture War will only be happy, when capitalism is smashed, when patriarchy is history, and when the people have power! Until then Culture war dedicates every last blood wrenching breath to forging the fight against oppression.

Culture War knows that any revolutionary movement that wants to win needs to take on the culture of the ruling class. Everyday through Television, newspapers, music, film, theatre, clothing, nightclubs and sport the mental chains of capitalism are reinforced. Not only do you give money to a corporation when you buy their product(be it film music..what ever) the content of that product is often full of the lies of this society. The lies we are bombarded with everyday: that women are meek and happiness is a handsome man, that a good person works hard and will be rewarded, that the poor only have themselves to blame,that black people are funny or good at sport but leave government to the whites, that english culture is superior,go to work and smile, your boss is a better person than you,homosexuality is bad,lesbianism is evil, god looks after little children,the USA is the world's saviour,arabs are bad..the list goes on and on!

HardCore Punk is a perfect weapon to fight this cultural conditioning. We produce our own music, we spread revolutionary ideas, we kick arse. Well that's the theory lately we have seen punk be overtaken by conservative ideas and practices. Culture War says FUCK THAT! No more macho goons, no more right-wing bullshit. Culture War will work to promote tolerance and diversity in the scene, to spread revolutionary ideas and practice, to combat racism sexism and homophobia , to involve young punks in the labour, environmental, feminist, progressive and revolutionary movements

WE WILL KICK IT TILL IT BREAKS!!

R.A.S.H- Red and Anarchist Skin Heads

CULTURE WAR NEEDS YOU!

IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN PROMOTING REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE THEN DROP US A LINE. WE WANT BANDS, ARTIST, POETS, FREE SPIRITS AND RADICALS.

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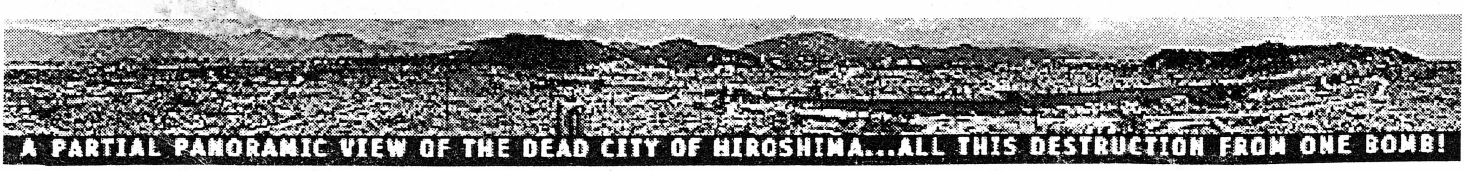


PROTEST AND SURVIVE

"NAH MAN, POLITICS IS JUST TOO HARD..... ANYWAY I GOTTA GO AND RIGHT A SONG ABOUT MY CREW AND HOW HARD WE ARE....."

What a fucking crock of shit. But you get it all the time from all works of life, the same old excuses about how complex politics are , how well i don't really know....I wonder what is on neighbours.

In many ways you can not blame people. Politics is presented in a deliberately alienating way in modern society.The media teaches you that politics is just about voting every four years then going home and being content(keep smiling, just keep smiling.....). Of cause most people are not complete idiots and see the corruption of politicians and the ineffectiveness of social institutions. However for the most part instead of inspiring rage and desire for action, many just switch off thinking it is all too hard. In fact often they do not want to be reminded of politics. No politics at the dinner table, no politics at work, no politics in the class room.Just shut up and shop.Rather than face the issues of the world, turn your back and forget.

Of cause this is total bullshit. Politics are not just GST debates that happen every couple of year. Politics happen every day in every way.

THE PERSON IS POLITICAL

This society is a capitalist system. It is driven by the desires of the capitalist ruling class to exploit as much profit out of the majority of society, the working class(that's us). This drive for profits effects every inch of life both directly and indirectly. Everything is politicised .

It is political that there are coke machines on every corner; it is political that BHP smoke stacks give you cancer; it is political that no electronic good is made to last more than five years, it is political that products are tested on animals, it is political that public transport is underfunded; it is political that government services are being privitised; barbie dolls are political; rambo movies are political; christmas is political; it is political that everything at Granny May's is overpriced and totally useless; your sexuality is political; it is political that 100,000 iraqi peasants were killed by western powers over oil; it is political that people starve when there is more than enough food in the world; it is political that 3rd countries grow coffee before wheat; work for the dole is political; wage cuts are political; "labour flexibility" is political; The Spice Girls are political.....

The list is endless. The plundering of the world for profits has created numerous social relationships that bind and constrict the earth and it's people. (stop reading now, put down the zine, form an orderly cue to the book burning, everything is as everything is....there is nothing you can do.Go back to work).

And it is going to get worse. The world capitalist system is in crisis.All those gains and conditions working people took for granted from welfare to good wages and education are being attacked. Capitalism has declared a new class war on ordinary people.Security guards with dogs are used against unionised wharfies, education is slashed, wages frozen. The environment is at breaking point. Ruling classes from different nations are lining up against each other, be it india and pakistan or the US and Iraq, as the economies crumble violence over money and power is all so more likely.....and who do you think they are going to use for soldiers?

Get POLItical ... or capitalist politics are going to get you

AS LONG AS ANY WOMAN IS KEPT
AS AN OBJECT AND IS PREVENTED FROM
DEVELOPING HER PERSONALITY, PROSTITUTION, IN
FACT CONTINUES TO EXIST
-MERCEDES COMAPOSADA

THE IDEAS OF THE RULING CLASS ARE IN EVERY EPOCH THE RULING IDEAS I.E THE CLASS WHICH IS THE RULING *MATERIAL* FORCE OF SOCIETY IS AT THE SAME TIME THE E RULING *INTELLECTUAL F* FORCE --KARL MARX

ACT TOUGH--- CAPITALISM NEEDS MORE SOLDIERS

Wage $lave

It is so easy to see the obvious and most repolsive abuses of this pig-dog capitalist system. The thousands killed in third world coups against leftist governments, the murder and genocide of indigenous people, environmental pillage and imperialist war. All these things are done by the ruling class to create a secure atmosphere for the creation of profits.They are willing to go to any means (if it is *cost effective)* to reduce restrictions on their industry (such as pesky amazonian tribes demanding soverenty of traditional land). However the base of capitalist exploitation , the very social relationship that makes this society capitalist, is often over looked. That relationship is the relationship of workers to their bosses. While you hear all this shit about how Australia is a classless society, the reverse is true. Society is divided into two main groups the capitalists and the workers. The Capitalists represent those who either own or control industry the have power over both *capital (money,investment resources)* and *labour* (which they buy from others). The working class on the other hand have nothing but there labour to sell. And so to make a living try to seek employment and wages. The working class is a vast and varied group including white collar, blue collar and service workers. It is everyone from coal miners to teachers to macdonalds workers to shop assistants to in fact any one who must sell their labour for a wage in order to live. Unemployed people can be considered working class too.

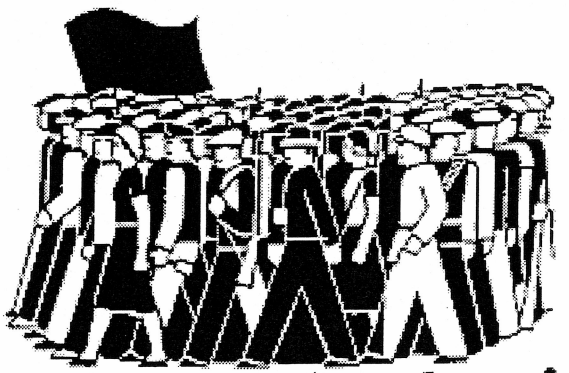
In between these two classes exist the middle classes. A mixed group of individuals who show some characteristics of both major classes. Examples would be the *new middle class* such as managers who own no capital but have power over others labour.Or *the old middle class* such as shop owners who own capital but really do not employ anyone. On top of this there are other social strata such as students which often includes both tomorrow's exploiters and exploited and other groups like artists.

The worker and capitalist are defined by their economic relationship to each other. Capitalists because they want to compete with each other and create more profits will try to reduce their labour costs by sacking staff, making their worker's slave harder, and other shit like that. Ordinary people often ground down by the horror and alienation of everyday work will often fight back trying to increase their wages, improve their conditions,, maybe a tea brake or something too. This basic conflict is called the *Class War* and stretches into all spheres of society. Economic rationalism with its drive to privitise can be seen as an employers offensive against the social gains of the workers.

However as long as capitalism exist workers will be being exploited. It will not be till we have a society where the people democratically and equally control industry that classes and oppression will end.

hate

and i thought i was more than this.... $10 an hour.. for my "labour power."..
how can you seperate something this is so much a part of me. what life is left?



Direct Action!

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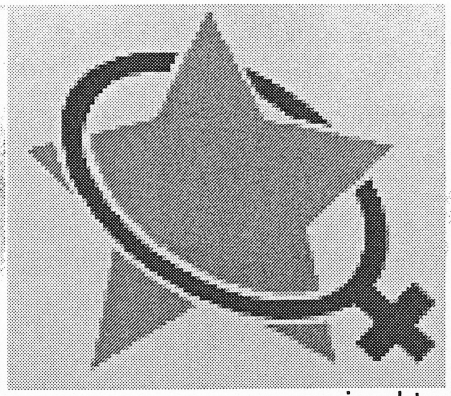


MY SISTER IS WOMAN, HEAR HER ROAR

OR why blokes should be feminists

There seems to be a great debate raging both in western capitalism and also within the hardcore punk scene itself(so hmm we are not so autonomous from the rest of the world) about feminism. Constantly we hear that apparently we live in a post-feminist world. That either we have gender equality , that feminism was fucked anyway or that it is now anglo-saxon men who are discriminated: so stop protesting and get back in the kitchen ,bitch!

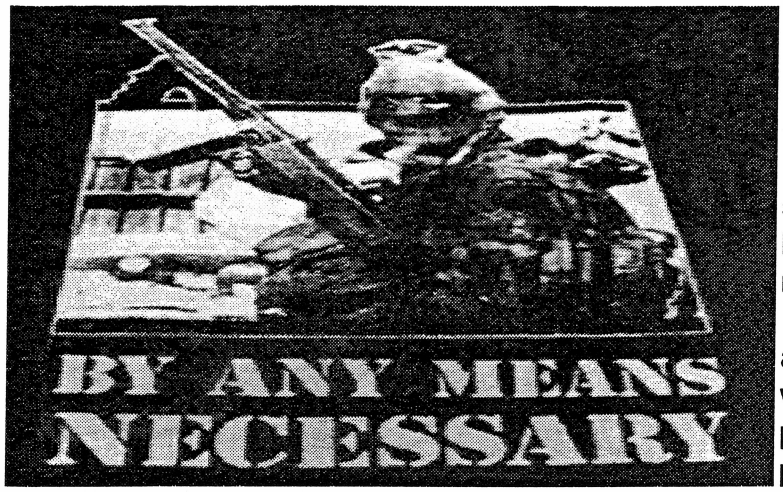
What a crock of shit!!!. In fact gender inequality exists both ideological and practically and will increase with the crisis capitalism is now thrown into. As the rich seem now unwilling to pay the taxes to provide childcare and the like societies reliance on the traditional family will increase, as will the thrust to force women back in the house to raise the next generation of wageslaves and starch the shirts of this generation.

But rather than just sit here and quote the figures about the inequality of women i want to tell you a bit about why gender inequity maintains the status quo and oppresses the individual(male and female) and is a chain on worker's revolution.

On the day you are born, you are instantly divided. Colour coded pink or blue and from that moment your brainwashing starts. Boys and Girls are raised with a different set of values, dreams, and rules. The toys we play with, the shows we watch, and the ideas of the people around us program us for the role capitalism has for us. On the whole boys are raised, to be workers,competitors and soldiers.Who will spend their lives slaving away for the ruling class and will be happy enough to be compensated, with beer, sport and cars(any less would of cause be poofy). Girls on the other hand are raised to be the care takers of workers. To make sure that "their" workers got to work refreshed and that a woman defines her self by the achievement of others. Looked at this way the idea of "THE FAMILY" is not some institution set up by God but a miniature factory for producing workers. Of cause the whole thing is much more complex than that. The restrictive rules govern every facet of our life and are also influenced by other laws of capitalist society such as consumerism and heterosexism.

Now the whole problem with this institution is that it is so fucking restrictive. Every person has the right to be more than just a worker or a babymaker. This is fucking obviously the reason for the start of the feminist movement. To smash the social controls. And men benifitted from feminism. Because when woman challenge their social restrictions men too win a larger space to be free. Just as the gay liberation movement won heterosexuals a wider space to think about their own sexuality.

There are some other questions too. How can the working class over throw capitalism when they are chained to outdated sexist ideas? Men and women workers need to unite. If gender inequity is the product of class society and the modern family, can rich and poor women unite? What about conservative female politicians like thatcher,hanson and vanstone? How should women organise to fight? Autonomously or let men into the movements? What about the relationship between black and white women? Do white women benefit form racism? Who is more oppressed, the working class man or the the capitalist woman?Can we win female liberation now or can it only be achieved when capitalism is destroyed?. On the last issues i think we need to fight for gender equality now, realising it is a fight against capitalism.



i've seen the future baby.....
it's murder.

We are faced with the coming of a crisis so brutal in it's character and so vast in it's magnitude that the apathy of today's generations can only be judged by the victims of tomorrow's as acts of genocide.

If lately you have actually flipped past the headlines about cricket or old men on the moon you may have noticed the news about the certain world recession that is starting to devour the globe. It seems as if there is some bubble in the brains of society as this crisis is being completely ignored. Do Not ignore it .... it will not ignore you. Already the Illawarra is starting to feel the effects. 113 coal mining jobs are going as world demand slows down. And that is just where it starts.

What will will see is as the crisis starts to bite the profits of capitalism, the capitalists will sink their fangs even more firmly into the butt cheecks of ordinary people. On Saturday the IMF called for a reduction in the australian minimum wage. We will hear terms like "labour flexibility" , "investor confidence" and "increased productivity" and feel their effects as capitalists will try to lower labour cost to increase their profits. Thousands more will be thrown into unemployment or the increasing trend of casual and low paid unemployment in non-union workplaces. Unions will be even more under attack. The wharfies, the mines, the public service , where ever will be identified by the media as rich bludgers with perks the majority of non-union workers do not have. You will hear scum bags like peter reith say it is these 'selfish' high payed workers that are costing everyone else their jobs(conveniently turning a blind eye to the massive income and share options of the corporate elite). Under this justification, expect to see more dogs and tear gas used to smash any sign of worker's resistance. Scabing will be one of the few growth industries(along with prisons) The ACTU and the Union Leadership will once again prove themselves to be ineffectual. The young generation who have no tradition of collective struggle will just sit back and ignore it all.

All the security of the welfare state, the dole , health,education,public transport will be smashed as the government trys to cut the budget to make australia attractive for investment

In the absence of a real worker's revolutionary solution, populist right-wing demagogies will fuel the discontentment in society and point the blame at scapegoats such as Koori people or Asian migrants. The seeds of fascism will either become full grown weeds or be at least firmly planted in the earth of society.

And across the world as economies are shakey the various ruling class will express their competition with each other at the next logical step:war. It is a chance to increase access to resources and also stimulates spending and uses up all those surplus people milling about the streets causing trouble.Of cause who decides if nuclear weapons are economic viable or not?

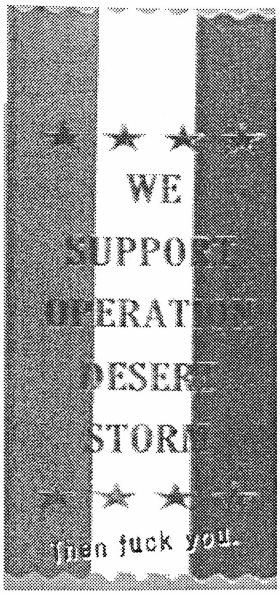
Environmental restrictions?Hell, they went years ago. Uranium and woodchips have dollar values ,survival does not

Of cause this scenario requires submission from the vast majority of people. That means you...

and as Captain Planet says "THE POWER IS YOU!!!!!!!!!!

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

I LOVE A BLOOD SOAKED COUNTRY.....

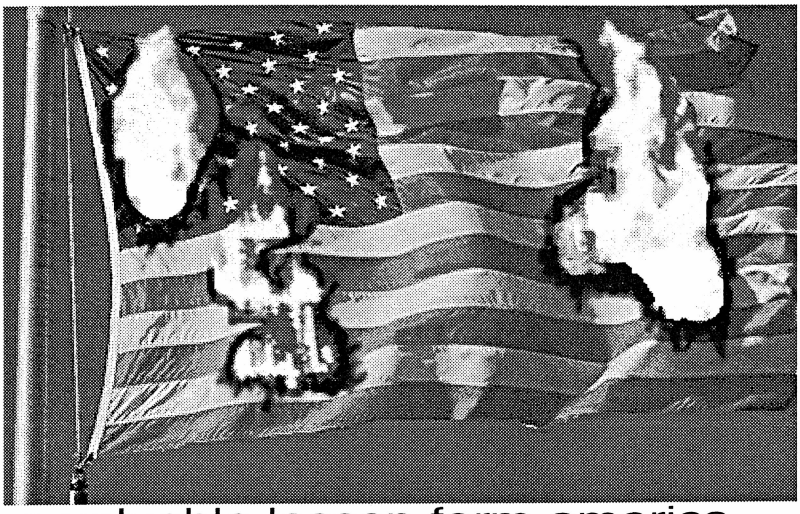


While the vast majority of Australians realises the errors or undesirability of racism(even if the do act in a racist manner,very few openly admit to being racist), nationalism and patriotism dominates the Australian political and social landscape. On the "great" political arena the insult of "Un-Australian" is thrown at any opposition.Unionists attacking parliament house are "un-Australian", aboriginal rights are considered "Un-Australian". Equally, progressive activist often use the term to discredit attacks on what they see as the egalitarian' nature of australia(which is itself a myth). So you have the situation where both One Nation supporters and opponents both claim to represent the true values of this nation and stand against the "Un-Australian" nature of their opposition.

What is not questioned is actually the basis of nationalism or nations on a whole or their role both practically and ideologicaly in maintaining capitalism.

Nations are artificial divisions. They represent the divisions that different capital -its classes have set up to administer their own holdings. Also ideologicaly nationalism acts as a chain on worker's emancipation and the fight for equality. This works by creating the illusion of national identity. We are brain-washed into believing that we are Australian first. It is the pinical of our identity the system so generously gives us. Worker's are told to

FUCK IMPERIALISM



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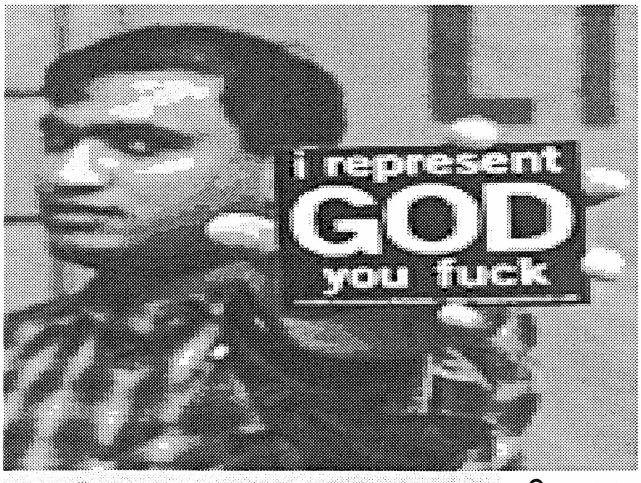
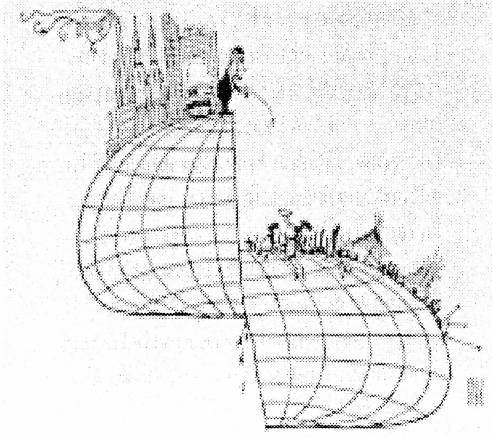




oh what a wonderful world gold gold gold for australia ,gold for genocide

empathise with our bosses because we are "All Australian". This is a crock of shit. All nations are divided by class.This is not my country ,it is the country of the wealthy.

Worse than this nations divide the worker's internationally when class solidarity world wide is what we need today. The bosses tell us to take pay freezes for the sake of national competition and that we should see overseas workers as competition and as the enemy. These are exactly the same lies that ready a population to fight wars for the rich. Worker's overseas are not the enemy. In fact as capitalism becomes increasingly global solidarity by worker's across borders is needed to fight effectively the offensive of the ruling class. The real enemy is the ruling class in australia who run this nation just for their own profit. Nationalism must be smashed.

In each issues of *CULTUREWAR* there will be a column combating the myths that the system uses to maintain it's rule. Australia will be shown to be what it really is: A national build on the genocide of it's indigenous population, build on the labour of the poor and a willing participantry in global imperialism. so fuck you

ask your self this, what is Oz's role in maintaining oppression

workers of the world ,UNITE

ARM THE HOMELESS RACE MIXING IS COOL

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL

Peruvian Strikers Storm Presidential Palace Grounds

LIMA (September 30, 1998 Reuters) - Hundreds of striking workers broke through the main gates of Peru's presidential palace on Wednesday and stormed the parade ground where they were met by police and soldiers, witnesses said.

In Peru's most violent protest in years, at least 300 workers, demonstrating against President Alberto Fujimori's possible re-election bid and demanding more jobs, smashed palace windows and raided a basement storage room during three hours of violence that rocked the city center.

In a 30-minute battle, dozens of police and soldiers, who burst from the palace's main entrance door, fired shots in the air and pushed the protesters from the parade area back into Lima's main square.

Government Palace and its parade area, where the president holds ceremonies to welcome visitors, is a symbol of Fujimori's statesmanship and was believed by Peruvians to be one of the most heavily guarded sites in the country.

During the battle, Fujimori remained inside the palace. He later inspected the battle ground -- littered with glass, banners and sticks -- from an upper story window.

In the disturbances, which also included clashes with police outside Congress and looting of several downtown shops, at least a dozen people were injured and about 20 were arrested, authorities and witnesses said.

The palace incident, which was the worst bout of violence in the protest, appeared to erupt spontaneously.

Mainly teenage protesters, brandishing sticks and iron bars, congregated outside Government Palace and as they pressed against
the iron railings the gates broke open, allowing them to flood onto the parade ground.

About 5,000 workers, obeying a nationwide strike call by Peru's largest unions, marched in Lima to protest a Congressional vote that quashed calls for a referendum over whether Fujimori could run for re-election.

The strike was partially obeyed in Lima and several other cities, where workers marked the protest with peaceful marches, union leaders said.

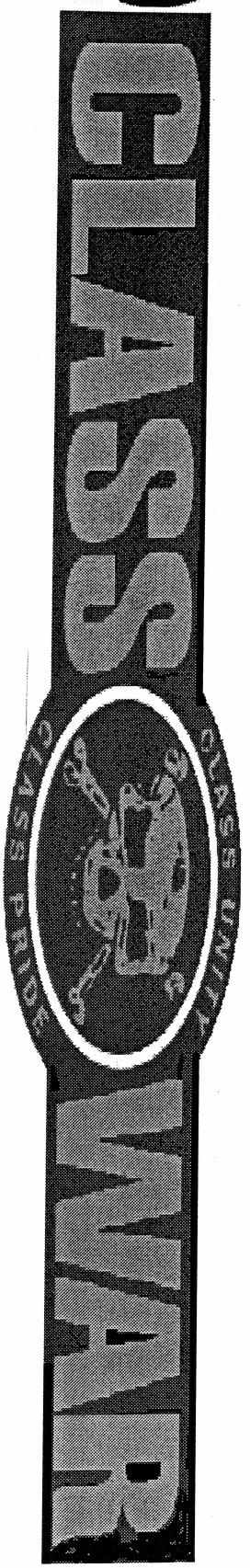
The protesters at Government Palace initially crowded onto the parade ground without encountering opposition.

They spent about 15 minutes breaking palace windows with sticks and smashing furniture inside the store where they helped themselves to ceremonial uniforms and swords. They daubed a side-wall of the presidential palace with graffiti labeling Fujimori a "dictator".

About 50 soldiers and police with riot shields burst out of the palace and threw tear gas canisters, forcing the workers back into the main square. Other police fired shots in the air from a nearby roof, witnesses said.

Con las Masas y las Armas, Patria o Muerte ... VENCEREMOS!

MRTA Solidarity Page - http://burn.ucsd.edu/~ats/mrta.htm



FUCK WORK

LIBERTY, EQUALITY, SOLIDARITY

TRAITOR FUCK YOUR LAME ADS

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you're all sheep

. HinTS fOR hetERoseXUaLs

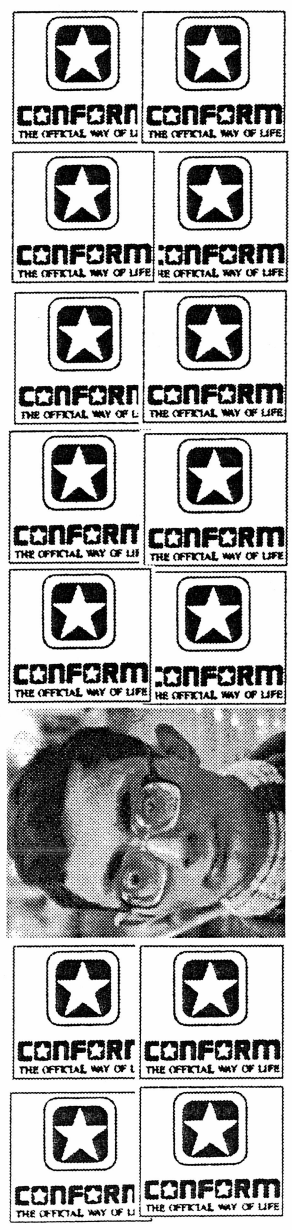
1. Do not assume that because you are part of the majority that I long to be like you. Or that I want or need your acceptance to validate my self worth and to reaffirm to myself that I am 'okay'.
2. Do not assume that because you are 'liberal' or, are 'for gay rights' that you are not part of the problem. Unless you are aware of yourprivileges and are fighting to change sexual stereotyping, the dynamics of the traditional male-female gender roles, then you are not my ally
3. Do not expect me to overlook even the slightest homophobic gesture without calling you on it. Although it may not be pleasant tohave toown up to your instilled homophobia, it is not pleasant for me to continually battle ignorance.
4. Do not expect me to refrain from talking about being queer because it makes you nervous. I have been bombarded with heterosexualimagery, love songs, moral values, and gender roles for as long as I can recall. How many variations of one theme can you tolerate?
5. Do not assume that I am going to act effeminate because I am a man.
6. Do not assume that I am going to act masculine because I am a man.
7. Always assume that I will act the fuckin' way I choose without the fear that I am not acting in accordance to my predefined gender role.
8. Do not expect me to feel comfortable or pleased to be in a room filled with heterosexuals. I am repulsed by your sexism, culture, and your masculine-feminine caricatures.
9. Do not flaunt your heterosexual privileges in front of me. I feel no joy when you tell me about your weddings, adoptions, or spousal benefits. I feel nothing but contempt when I see you publicly flaunting your privileged lives by holding hands, kissing, and fondling one another.
10. Do not feel as though you need to prove you are not homophobic by being overly kind and attentive. No one likes to be patronized and it only accomplishes me feeling an intense dislike for you.
11. Do not act as though queer liberation doesn't concern you. Any heterosexual that still adheres to their predefined gender role is still reinforcing sexism, male domination and the oppression of gays, lesbians, and transgendered people.
12. Do not expect me to respect your religious or moral values if they are taught with the determination to view queers as inhuman, degenerates, deviants, or sinful. Any dogma that resorts to anti-queer practices, I not only have no respect for, but will wholeheartedly try to destroy.
13. Do not expect me support any heterosexual institution that promotes anti-queer thought or practices or benefits from anti-queer thought or practices or the suffering of queers. I wouldn't piss on these institutions if they were engulfed in flames.
14. Do not feel the need to let me know that you are straight by quickly bringing up your girlfriend or wife. I couldn't care less.
15. Do not expect me not to be moderately amused if I notice that I make you nervous. Although your homophobia is sickening, your feeble attempts to keep your composure are often times amusing. Your uneasiness pegs you for what you are.
16. Do not assume that because I am queer I know a queer acquaintance of yours.
17. Do not assume that I want to know your queer acquaintance.
18. Do not treat me as an exotic novelty. I am not your evening's entertainment, I will not naively play the part of your 'unique' friend for the benefit of your hetero friends.
19. Do not assume that I want to gain acceptance into your straight all boys club. I have my own circle of friends and have absolutely no interest in the likes of hetero male bonding and all of its emotionally stunted trappings.
20. Do not assume that if you threaten me with violence that I won't defend myself. I WILL BASH BACK!

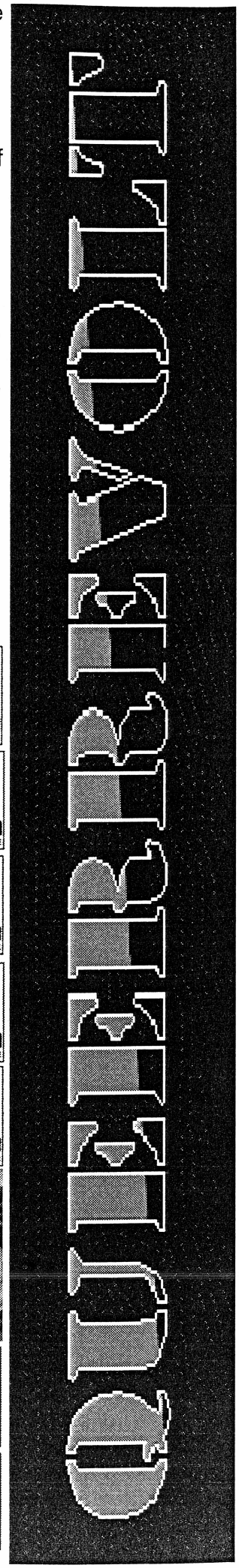
i don not real agree with everything written in that coloumn. I decided to print it because it challenged alot of the ideas and images i carry as a young hetrosexual male.

I took it front the Queer War website which is a page of revolutionary queer writings.

dig it all

**Dance Proud*
**Fuck Safe*
**MAKE REVOLUTION*





A QUIET AND DEADLY VIOLENCE

ths article is written by Mumia Abu-Jamal a prominent , black liberation activist in the U.S. He is currently on death row accussed of shoting to death a police man. Guilty or not(and he protests his innocents). His revelations about the workings of modern capitalism are fucking ace. He has been involved in both the Black Panther's and M.O.V.E. I stole this article from him....i hope he does not mind.

By Mumia Abu-Jamal
Column Written 9/19/98
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- Sunday, 11 October 1998 -

The deadliest form of violence is poverty. -- Ghandi

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It has often been observed that America is a truly violentnation, as shown by the thousands of cases of social and communalviolence that occurs daily in the nation.

Every year, some 20,000 people are killed by others, and additional 20,000 folks kill themselves. Add to this the nonlethal violence that Americans daily inflict on each other, and we begin to see the tracings of a nation immersed in a fever of violence.

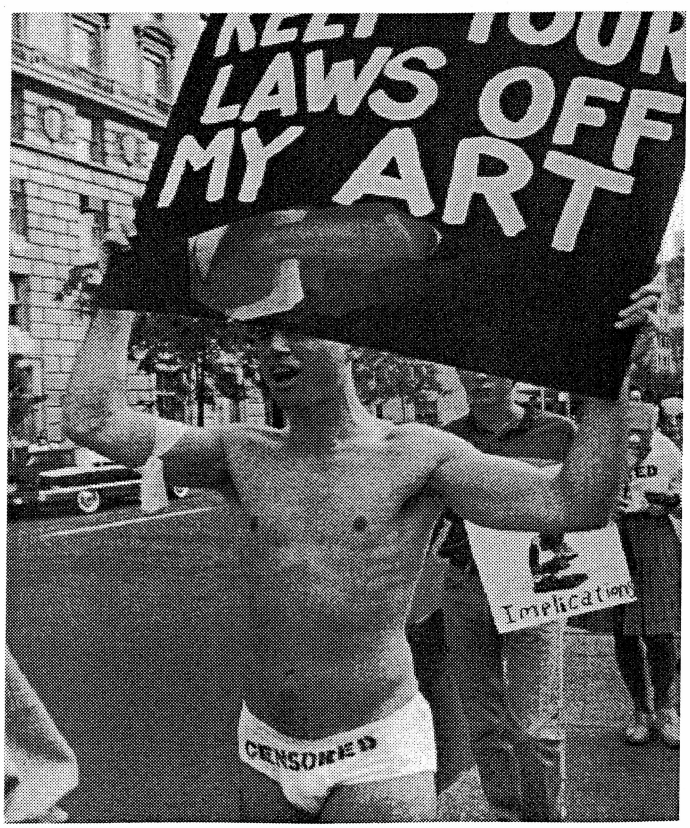
But, as remarkable, and harrowing as this level and degreof violence is, it is, by far, not the most violent features of living in the midst of the American empire.

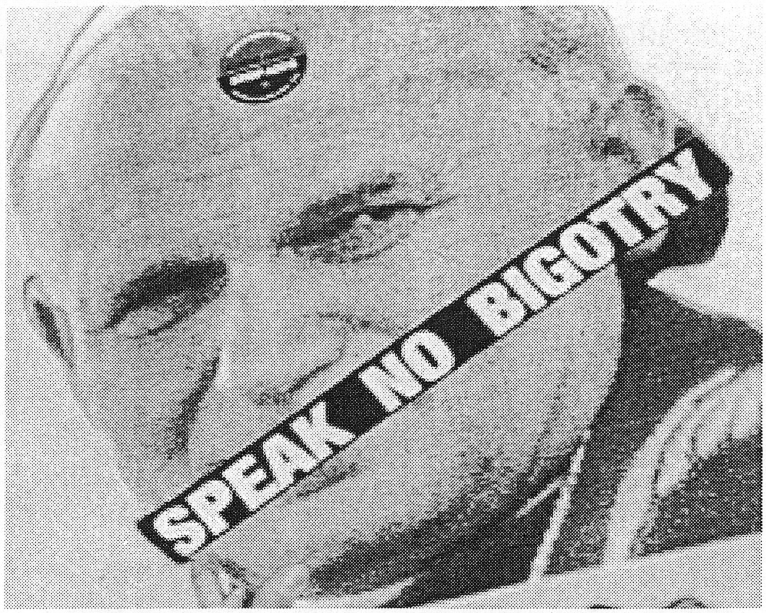
We live, equally immersed, and to a deeper degree, in anation that condones and ignores wide-ranging "structural"
violence, of a kind that destroys human life with a breathtaking ruthlessness. Former Massachusetts prison official and writer,
Dr. James Gilligan observes;

"By `structural violence' I mean the increased rates of death and disability suffered by those who occupy the bottom rungs of society, as contrasted by those who are above them.
Those excess deaths (or at least a demonstrably large proportion of them) are a function of the class structure; and that structure is itself a product of society's collective human choices, concerning how to distribute the collective wealth of the society. These are not acts of God. I am contrasting `structural' with `behavioral violence' by which I mean the non-natural deaths and injuries that are caused by specific behavioral actions of individuals against individuals, such as The deaths we attribute to homicide, suicide, soldiers in warfare, capital punishment, and so on." -- (Gilligan, J., MD,
Violence: Reflections On a National Epidemic (New York: Vintage,
1996), 192.)

This form of violence, not covered by any of

A REVOLUTION IS NOT A PINK TEA.....-MOA TSE TUNG





This form of violence, not covered by any of the majoritarian, corporate, ruling-class protected media, is invisible to us and because of its invisibility, all the more insidious. How dangerous is it -- really? Gilligan notes:

"[E]very fifteen years, on the average, as many people die because of relative poverty as would be killed in a nuclear war that caused 232 million deaths; and every single year, two to three times as many people die from poverty throughout the world as were killed by the Nazi genocide of the Jews over a six-year period. This is, in effect, the equivalent of an ongoing, unending, in fact accelerating, thermonuclear war, or genocide on the weak and poor every year of every decade, throughout the world." [Gilligan, p. 196]

Worse still, in a thoroughly capitalist society, much of that violence became internalized, turned back on the Self, because, in a society based on the priority of wealth, those who own nothing are taught to loathe themselves, as if something is inherently wrong with themselves, instead of the social order that promotes this self-loathing. This intense self-hatred was often manifested in familial violence as when the husband beats the wife, the wife smacks the son, and the kids fight each other.

This vicious, circular, and invisible violence, unacknowledged by the corporate media, uncriticized in substandard educational systems, and un-understood by the very folks who suffer in its grips, feeds on the spectacular and more common forms of violence that the system makes damn sure -- that we can recognize and must react to it.

This fatal and systematic violence may be called The War on the Poor.

It is found in every country, submerged beneath the sands of history, buried, yet ever present, as omnipotent as death. In the struggles over the commons in Europe, when the peasants struggled and lost their battles for their commonal lands (a precursor to similar struggles throughout Africa and the Americas), this violence was sanctified, by church and crown, as the "Divine Right of Kings" to the spoils of class battle. Scholars Frances Fox-Piven and Richard A Cloward wrote, in The New Class War (Pantheon, 1982/1985):

"They did not lose because landowners were immune to burning and preaching and rioting. They lost because the usurpations of owners were regularly defended by the legal authority and the armed force of the state. It was the state that imposed increased taxes or enforced the payment of increased rents, and evicted or jailed those who could not pay the resulting debts. It was the state that made lawful the appropriation by landowners of the forests, streams, and commons, and imposed terrifying penalties on those who persisted in claiming the old rights to theseesources. It was the state that freed serfs or emancipated sharecroppers only to leave them landless." (52)

The "Law", then, was a tool of the powerful to protect their interests, then, as now. It was a weapon against the poor and impoverished, then, as now.

It punished retail violence, while turning a blind eye to the wholesale violence daily done by their class masters.

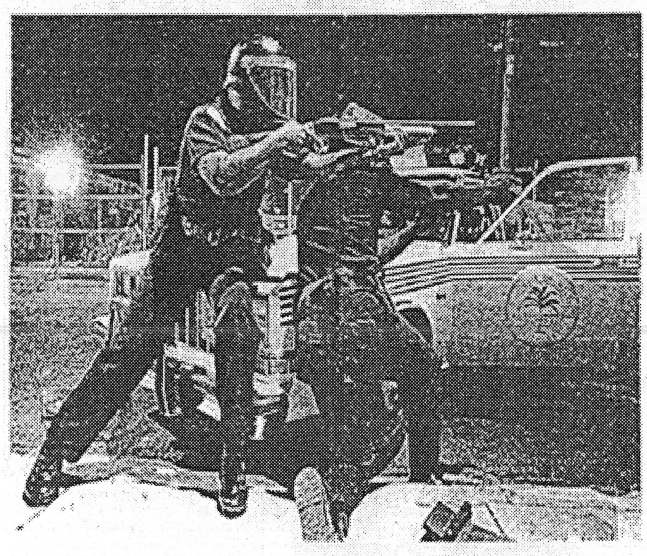
The law was, and is, a tool of state power, utilized to protect the status quo, no matter how oppressive that status was,
or is.

Systems are essentially ways of doing things that have concretized into tradition, and custom, without regard to the rightness of those ways. No system that causes this kind of harmto people should be allowed to remain, based solely upon its timein existence. Systems must serve life, or be discarded as athreat and a danger to life.

Such systems must pass away, so that their great and terrible violence passes away with them.

Mumia just had his appeal defeated. He is definatly going to be killed by the state. Unless ordinary people can stop it

GUN CONTROL



FOR THE MASSES

Do your eyes go to your heart or your trigger finger?

this article is a response to two columns appearing in two different zines. These being "Never ending Cycle" appearing in xCounter Attackx and "Society's Problem" from the X-force bit of the First Failure /X-force split.Both these columns advocate (however satirically it may be) the murdering of heroin users and addicts.

It is also an attack on various hardline stances taken by members of the hardcore punk community who's stances against some of societies most wretched could come out of the mouths of any mainstream conservative talk-back radio star.

The first thing that strikes me about reading these two abhorrent columns apart from their ignorance and insensitivity was the fact that these authors live in a completely different world from me. They live in a land where peaceful well meaning suburbs are being over run by hordes of evil zombie like junkies pulling good people into lives of DEPRAVITY! I on the other hand live in a world where , vast environmental damage,world recession, increasing poverty, political bankruptcy, racism and oppression are the real problems and the issues that spark my ire.A world where the corporate owned media often goes berserk with headlines talking about "crime waves" or "Asian Drug Gangs" because they are highly emotive and sell a lot better than real news. In fact world wide(especially in america) the call to punish drug users is a very effect political tool in getting elected.

It is a real divide and rule strategy: get ordinary people to blame a section of our societies most unfortunate for the errors of the ruling class. An example of this is in the "societies problem" column which blames junkies for sapping the resources of hospitals and disadvantiging the rest of us. BULLSHIT. Health Care is in such a bad way in this country because of the economic rationalist agenda we have been subjected to. Where public health care had been underfunded to give tax cuts to large companies, reduce inferstructure costs and increase the wealth of private health care in a bid to attract more investment.

Are the authors really suggesting that capital punishment is a warranted way to deal with the drug problem:That what we need is to increase state powers to go out and manditorily shoot whole sections of the community?In fact do they want the cops(the army of the rich) to real have these rights? Would this make society so much nicer? Maybe in the authors' opinion fascism is the only way forward for humanity.

What neither of these articles do is actually to realy try to tackle the issue of drugs in australia. There is no examination of why people take drugs and what humane action can be taken to minimise harm to both user and community.

In my opinion the desire for heavy drug uses arise from the emptiness of modern capitalist life. Combinations, of hopelessness, poverty , boredom,alienation and despair combined with those oh so normal human feelings of loss and unhappiness will always create the desire to take drugs. And for those outside the establishment the sale of drugs gives them an access to a standard of living that "honest work" never would.

So on the face of it drug abuse can only be stopped when the cause of these problem is removed. How ever that means fuck all within the short term.In the here and now we can campaign for a society that sees drugs as a health issue not a criminal one and treats all members of it's community as human beings.

Shit, a society that decriminalised drugs,

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the legalisation, and regulated sale would be far more logical than what we have today....think about it. Imagine tomorrow is a day where a user can get their drugs over a counter. Where the quality is government assured so no one dies. The product could be highly taxed(like cigarettes) and the money taken out of the hands of organised crime and into the hands of the community for schools and health care. A society that treats it's individuals like responsible citizens. Information and open, free methodone clinics and rehabs would be a shit load better than piles of dead bodies.

i have have my life profoundly effected by two wonderful women who were heroin addicts.The fucking deserve their life as much as the next if not more.They are strong, beautiful and vibrant human beings.

On another note i will always give a donations to a homeless alcoholic or user. This often pisses people off. Yes, i know they are just going to spend it on drugs or grog.Yes, i don't know if he gave up on life or life gave up on him .But if my $1.50 can allow this poor person to by a bottle of muscat rather than metho , if it can bring a little bit of happiness into their world well that is money well spent as far as I'm concerned.

I wonder that if you can look on the homeless and addicted and not feel,rage at this society, pity for their situation(not that they may want it), and an insight into the fragility of existence but just HATE at the person, who has really given up on life?

..*note* In Brazil, government funded death squads routinely murder homeless youth.Often these youths sniff clue to keep warm. Brazil remains a country ripped apart by poverty however many young people die. Maybe if the anger was directed at the IMF and the rich they would get some where

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WAYS TO BECOME A BLOODY LEGEND

1 GO TO A ONE LIFE CREW SHOW AND SHOUT OUT TO THE BAND "SHOW US YA TITS YA LEZBO!" THEN RUB YOUR CROTCH LICK YOUR LIPS AND BLOW KISSES AT THEM (DOUBLE POINTS IF YOU ARE A GIRL)

2 FART AT THE FUNERAL OF SOME ONE YOU DIDN'T LIKE

3 PISS DIRECTLY UP ONE NOSTRIL WITHOUT GETTING URINE ALL OVER YOUR FACE (ESPECIALLY THE EYE !OUCHY STING STING)-THIS IS A BIT HARD FOR GIRLS SO I HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE: ACCORDING TO MY FLAT MATE PORSCHE, WOMEN CAN PISS STANDING UP...YOU JUST HAVE TO BEND YA BACK AND PUSH OR SOME THING, SO MASTER THIS ART THEN GO INTO A PUBLIC URINAL DRESSED AS A GUY....WHEN THE OLD MAN NEXT TO YOU GOES FOR THE OLD "I WONDER HOW BIG THEIR WILLY IS LOOK" HE WILL GET THE FRIGHT OF HIS LIFE!

4 LINE DANCE AT A SHOW (AND I MEAN PROPERLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY)

5ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO USE A DENTAL DAM AND STILL KEEP THINGS SEXY

Take a close look. This is belsen-belsen death camp where the nazi's murdered jews,gypsies,homosexuals, and political dissidents.

Is this the way that you really want to deal with the drug problem. Each one of those bodies is a liFe. My great-aunt Hannah died at such a camp. Jews were the scape goats of Nazi germany....Will drug users be the scape goats of the late 90's?

Is this your SXE VEnGEANCE?

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SCENE NEWS

***there is a new sXe super group forming in NYC.**
they go by the name :
X-Crement. rumour is they will be playing in Oz soon...
***Los Crudos have broken up**
*** for all you anarchist pretenders out there the Class War Federation in the UK disovled itself at the end of 1997**

***purple is the official "in" hair dye colour of summer 98/99.**
***Profane Existance has disolved itself**
*** expect a revival of christian metal.....I reckon stryper and WhiteSnake are going to be really big**

***Unfortunately for the majority of the world's population, being anything other than a young white male is no longer accepted in the NSW scene**

the Pist-Ideas are Bullet Proof(1995)

oh man i love this MUSIC. I love this band ..pity they broke up.
The Pist play dancible straight forward streetpunk with growly but understandable vocals. Which is good because the lyrics are worth hearing. The lyrics are divided into three different themes: anti-capitalism/ commonetry on the scene/ and punks vs conformity. This is your standard fair amongst any political punk band (i'm so angry i have to make that distinction these days.)
Their analysis of capitalism is not particularly deep or new focusing more on the obviuos problems like racism,media bullshit and how crap work is(what we marxists call alienation). It is pretty standard stylistically with very little use of satire and also does shit like rhyme "you" with "you". However the sincerity and anger is so strong these songs take on an anthem like quality and there are enough kernels of ideas there to make it more than just token posturing.
The best songs are those that critique both the falseness within the anarcho-punk movement and the macho-conformity of the New School scene. In fact I think the line "heh, New Jack! Get your adidas outta my face!" (NEW SCHOOL)should be come a new battle cry. Also the comments on the gross alcoholism and fuckwittery amongst so much of the punk "scene " is very relevant for australia. Remember kids when your puppy wees on the floor you rub their nose in it.

Anti-Heros --- American Pie(approx in the 90s)

I get paid $10 an hour in my shitty job as a telemarketter. There fore when i pay $24.95 for a really crap album it is a tragedy of equal proportions to the sinking of the Titanic.Buying this album was such a mistake.
I always though that any band with the word "anti-" as part of it's name imply some sense of dissendence or leftist though. Anti-Heroes proves this wrong. This band is homophobic and mysogonistic and peddles a dodgy form of radical patriotism that while opposing the system as it is now, looks back nostalgically to the golden age of the US.Even the 'good' songs such as "Fuck Holliwood" are spoilt by (in this case) homophobia and also when you examine the lyrics you realise these guys do not have a clue. Fuck Holliwood points out the very obvious problems with mainstream culture: it is full of shit, half truths and sells sex instead of thoughts. But it is beyond these goons to realise how Holliwood pumps out patriotic shit and acts in the interest of american capitalism.There also exists a whole series of myths and falsifications such as Japan being responsible for the decline of manufacturing jobs in america. In fact many of these jobs have gone to mexico(they make only one reference to this) because of Nafta and unemployment is inherent in capitalism. Other Myths include their attitude to Viet Nam vets. Yes these people where fucked over they were used as can fodder for Western Imperialism . Anti-heros however only objects to their treatment after the war. They are too patriotic to question patriotism. On top of this there is plenty of of bullshit criticising environmentalists, welfare et al(most of the critisisms are done by implication. For example in j.W.A.P.S the reference to him "hugging trees' is an attack on both him and tree hugging.) a pure piece of crap...Their cover of Rock and Roll Nigger is good though.

what is that circle A on your pants for? Apathy or alcohol? You got 'em both

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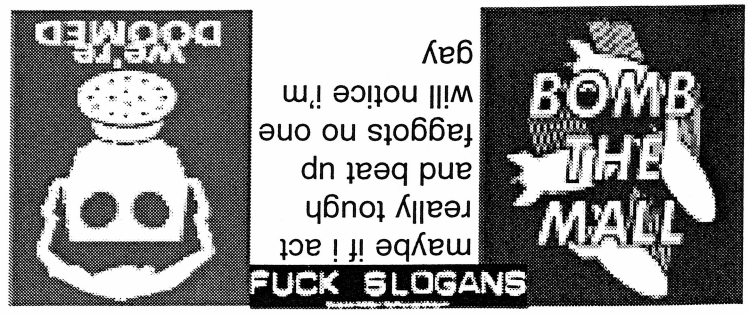
this is not bad enough to really piss me off....It is just so, so, so ...blah. there is nothing to it. Boring interviews (except for the one with F.Y.P) reviews with about as much depth as a saucer and a couple of comments about God (puke) all done in this nice boy humour. It is sXe without all the goods bits. I kinda liked it when sXe was a big package that involved veganism , left-wing politics and all that youthful sincerity about changing the world.....oh well apparently that has all stopped being trendy....now you just have to be a non-thinking goon



oh god, some kid in an Integrity shirt just stabbed me

First Failure/ x -FORCE split zine.

I real need more space to deal with this zine properly oh well. I'm was really disappointed with the quality of FF. The interviews are pretty vacuous with not many questions of interest being asked. Also the idea that music is an escape came across a lot. Something many of you sXes should think about. Is it still a crutch if it comes from a speaker not a bottle?

The columns did not do too much to excite me. In fact Hegde's focus with purely stuff going on in the scene shat me. Also while i think most of it is well meaning he says some strange shit. One example was that of H.C.P.R. should only be passed on to "the right people". Kind of like the masons i guess or a little boys club. But at the base i guess he is trying to deal with the issue of size vs purity that punk always wrestles with . He also has a bizarre rant about the inter-net.... In fact he could have just written "heh Punks stop be arseholes and relax the image a bit" and it would have convayed the message of all his columns.

X-force: well the one column i did not hate was alright nothing too perceptive here. However the old interviews with Siege were tops and presented well. as small as this 1.5 issue was, i kinda dug the little slogans it did ...oh out of space

unity? Fuck you ! I don't want your stupid Unity!

That's it! My friendship is no longer unconditional. I no longer offer unity to any one. I non-longer consider my self united to every one.

I do not care if we go to the same shows, eat the same felafel or what . If you sprout reactionary and conservative ideas i feel no unity to you. I will no longer offer unity to homophobes.

From now on i consider what you think to be important. From now on ideas matter.

I'm not calling for every one to be ideological pure or follow my particular brand of revolutionary thought. I'm just saying that things can not continue as they are.

To all you kids out there who are positive, free thinking individuals with open eyes and love in your hearts and anger in your toes i offer you some thing new....***SOLIDARITY!!!***

I'll stand with you thick or thin. If you were the base player for Conflict or if you just heard your cousin's Tribe 8 records i do not care. If your intention is there that is all that matters.

To all the thugs and tuff guys. You are below contempt. Get out of the way. You are either part of the solutions or part of the problem

Common goal..... Common struggle

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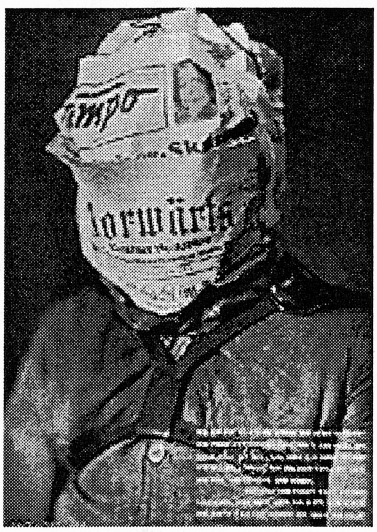

who ever reads capitalist papers is blinded... Away with these stupifing bandages

football is boring

OH MY GOD I CAN NOT BELIEVE THIS IS THE LAST PAGE !!
I WANT MORE!

okay!!! the next issue will be out in approx 6-8 weeks. This issue was done in just two weeks so you can understand that with more time the zine will be able to deal with much more of the puss that gets squeezed out of this world.(hopefully interviews with Los Crudos and Aus-Rotten as well) If you want to contribute here is the deal: i will publish all letters but reserve the right of reply. I will publish only good columns but they will be given totally respect and notbe debated by any of my writings. I will publish only really good or crap poetry. (what ryhmes with riot?)

Each issue cost about $1 to make. The reason I'm charging $2 is to raise enough cash to do the full print run of 100 copies(at the moment I'm printing 10 at a time). And also to finance the next larger zine.

On top of this i have started a radical left publication distro called DISSIDENT. I will stock a range of publications covering anarchism/autonomism/socialism and communism.m.

yours in solidarity

dave culturewar a.k.a dave bedlam a.k.a freedom riot boy a.k.a coconut ice a.k.a davey eden..... anyway i think i hear my mum calling me for dinner.